

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

In the office action, the examiner objected to claims 12 and 20. Applicants have amended claims 12 and 20 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,182,094 to Humpleman. The rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 recites in part as follows:

"...said second program being operable to select a most desirable device as said second device from among a plurality of devices connected to said first device without a selection input from a user and to obtain device information for the most desirable device..." (Emphasis added.)

It is respectfully submitted that Humpleman does not disclose the above identified feature of claim 1. In explaining the rejection, the Examiner asserts that the GUI of Humpleman discloses the second program of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that such GUI does not "select a most desirable device as said second device... without a selection input from a user" as in claim 1. Instead, Humpleman appears to do the opposite. That is, Humpleman appears to disclose that a user operating the GUI selects the second device. Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Humpleman as applied by the Examiner.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, independent claims 10, 11, and 21 are believed to be distinguishable from Humpleman. Claims 2-9 and 12-20 depend from one of claims 1, and 11, and, at least due to

such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Humpleman.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the above 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 518-6374 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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